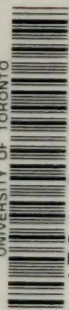



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LONDON CITIZENS IN 1651,

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"There was a Door to which I found no Key;
"There was a Veil past which I could not see:
"Some little Talk awhile of ME and THEE
"There seem'd—and then no more of THEE and ME."

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PREFACE.

The signatures contained in HARLEIAN. M. S. 4778, are those of various of the members of twenty-two City Companies. They constitute a list earlier than any similar record of London merchants and traders. The claim of the manuscript for attention does not lie solely in its priority of inscription: it evidences, in addition, by preservation of record in excellent clearness, that our ancestors wrote, in the fashion of their period, hands every whit as graceful, and as indicative of divers characters, as we could hope to find among lists of signatures of persons of classes comparable in this day.

This remark is not, of course, universally applicable. In fact, the change from one style to another, from the writing formed in the Sixteenth Century to the freer script of the middle Seventeenth, from the beauty of such signatures as are to be found amongst the membership of the Painters' Company to the vile scrawl of Michael Phillip's deputy, has rendered the transcription a work of some small difficulty, and the accuracy, often, a matter of doubt. In very many cases, conjecture might have rendered the result more consonant with probability, but, wherever choice was open, what appears in the list is not what would, with a little tortured ingenuity, accord with other records, but what appears to be upon the face of the document. If various names are incorrect, I can plead, only, that even the lapse of two hundred and fifty years makes it no easier to read a blot, or to decipher the hieroglyph of a writer who had not, theretofore, twice put pen to paper in his life.

Some reader has annotated the list of the companies of Butchers and of Turners. In the former, he conjectures for John Chase, Charsley; for Roger William, Williams; for Meddler, Medler; for Beling Budding; in the latter, for William wa, William Mires.

The annotator may be correct; it is indeed, very possible that the writers were incapable of spelling their names with any approach to accuracy, but, what he has written is not what the document evidences.

Whilst dealing with this topic, I might mention, that, in no case, have I procured any assistance from the Clerks to the Companies concerned. I have felt that such would little forward my intent. If their records concurred with mine, they could only corroborate; if they disagreed they would not refute. Certainly, I could not reasonably ask them to furnish me with notes. Moreover, in some cases, their records do not extend back to 1651. In regard to such Companies, the list is, of course, of special worth.

Where, however, extracts from the muniments of any guild have been published, I have felt free to utilise the printed matter for my notes. I am, in this way, indebted to; Morley's Account of the Armourers, Shenwell's of the Guild of Saddlers, Jupp's History of the Carpenters'

Company. Young's Annals of the Barber Surgeons, Crace's Account of the Painter-Stainers, William's Annals of the Company of Founders, and Conder's Record of the Fellowship of Masons.

The Manuscript, which forms the basis of this little book, would appear to be of date, late in the year 1650, or early in the year 1651. This is consonant with the position of the first two names on Folio 14, with that of Stephen Read on Folio 10, of William Kinges on Folio 9, and of Edward Perkins on Folio 6.

The signatures by no means exhaust the membership, even of the Companies included within the limits of the Manuscript. The remark attached to the name of George Carleton, a remark pregnant with suggestions, both as to the nagging persistence of well-meaning advisers, and the obstinate testiness of the subscriber—who nullified the whole purpose of subscription by his note,—suggests that pressure was brought to bear upon the signatories.

The occasion would be, presumably, either political or religious. What occasion, I should hesitate to say, since, so far as I am aware, the subscriptions to the engagements of that day were generally taken parochially. The fashion of applying the principle of the round-robin to the government of religion reached its utmost popularity in 1649, when the "Agreement of the People of England," and the "Essex Watchman's Watchword" respectively, asserted as of the essence of common right, and, denounced as undeniably Antichristian and anarchic, the principle of religious toleration. In 1653 the preamble of an Act, for the repeal of certain Resolves of Parliament for taking the Engagement, stated that "general and promissory oaths and engagements, in former times imposed, had proved burthens and snares to tender consciences," and, therewith, the pestilent practice of the imposition of Tests, Covenants, Leagues and Testimonies came for a short time to an end.

The presence of John Milton's name among the membership of the Company of Coopers was of the nature of a surprise. It would be strange if any other of his name, a contemporary, wrote a hand so similar to that of the poet; yet, on the other hand, neither Masson, nor any other biographer so far as I am aware, alludes to the episode in Milton's life which is indicated by the signature. If I may be permitted to say so, this single fact, evidenced by the list, adds, considerably, to our knowledge of the poet.

What other suggestion may be conveyed by that which I have copied, I do not know; the antecedent knowledge of the reader, and the circulation must, in that respect, largely determine its value: This I do know, that I have contributed very materially to my own pleasure by the preservation of a record, mayhap, in many instances the only record, of men, our forefathers, who in stirring days, lived prosaic, worthy, strenuous lives, whilst their work, our herison of liberty, was a making.

The annotations represent about five years' work.

LISTS OF THE LIVERY.

Folio 1. of the Manuscript. THE COMPANY OF WAX CHANDLERS.

Grace Hardwin: master, Will. Graves: warden, Thos. Hage. William Lovell, Matth. Fox, Robert Warner, Tho. Steane Junior, The merke of Henry Andrs, Tho. Steane Senr, Henry Newbery, Gilbert Brandish, John Terrys, William Papworth, Josiah Ward, Stephen Iles, William Meysam, James Benley, Nath. Heerer, John Hardwin, Roger Hunt, William Burrough, William Lane, Hugh Chappington, Bartho. Hethins, John Bennett Clarke.

Folio 2. THE COMPANY OF TALLOW CHANDLERS.

William Phezant, Robert Bedell, Gabriell Benyon, Edmond Barcock, Anthony Wesh, John Allen, Simon Greenhill, Wm. Osmond, John Mather, Andrew Yarkry, Joseph Sibley, Robert Hicks, Tho. Stiles, John Collington, Matthew Witton, William Gibson, Symon Smyth, Thomas Hedges, Ralph Humphres, Samuel Wilkin, John Harris, Wm. Llewellins, Jo: Tyson, Tho. Worsley, Thomas Nicholes, Jo: Bryan. Tho: Lawrence. William Urleston, Henry Cox, Thomas Rose, Thomas Gretman, Sam. West, Anthony Philp, Andrew Walter, William Bowyer, Tho. Smalridge, John Archar, Robert Briscoe, Symon Dawson, Charles Doyly, Rogar Mustian, Jo: Marsh, John Riesbell.

Folio 3. THE COMPANY OF ARMORERS.

Alex. Normangton, Hen. Crouch, Miles Robinson, John Winsloe, Nicholas Marshall, Thomas Birkhead, Edw. Ausley, John Ellas. George Sills, Robert Joadn, Robert Gurnell, Peter Newton, John Collingwood, Walter Benge, Ambros Tyne, Thomas Ken, Edmond Bunyon, Thomas Carpintar, Anthony Nawman, Raphe Bowlter, Sam. White Clerke.

Folio 4. THE COMPANY OF GIRDLERS.

Stephen Estwick, The mark of John Jones, Abraham Chambers, Edw. Taylor, Richard Wylling, John Wyng, John Crosby, Richard Andrewes, George Gilbertt, James Lawrance, George Tench, Daniell Tanner, Richard Ward, William Dickenson, Richard Crawley, Ben: Blundell, Francis Smythe, Charles Wellings, Thomas Clarke, Daniell Lingard, Hen. Scarburgh, Richard Floyd, Nath. Gauntlett, Thomas Allen, John Morse, Samuel Lee, Symon Cross, Christopher Inchen, Tho. Rucke, John Cudworth, Will Comines, Edw. Fawler, Matthias Goodselton, Richard Woerter, Michael Lea Clerk, John Wylding Leadle, Johnstone.

Folio 5. THE COMPANY OF BUTCHERS.

John Levett. The mark of Nathaniel Siddons, Christopher Crosse, Gilbert Mason, Henry Vaughton, Will Ardington, The merke of Michael Phillips, The marke of Alexander Hall, The marke of Richard Tuttell, Ralph Blackborne, John Blunt, Richard Johnson, John Attwood, Richard Wolfe, William Radbird, Zachary Pickering, John Linthwaite, Richard Charvell, John Gilles, Edward Mercey, The mark of Will Bateman, Richard Vaughton, Thomas Slater; The marke of Thomas Chaplin, Robartrumae, (?) John Picke, Robete harluie, Rowland peux, Richard Hodgkin, Wm. Zouch Clarke, James Pitt, John Hodgkinson, William Palmer, The merke of Richard Burdett.

Folio 6. THE SADDLERS COMPANY.

Edward Perkins, Nathaniell Burt, Thomas Clowes, Toby Harvest, Willm Freeman, John CoX. Danyell Halldanbye, Nathaniell Trimer, Edward Benskin, Timothie Septen, William Gale, The merk of Edmond Batchiler, Thomas Basse, John Gaine, Thomas Webb, William Platts, Benjamin Potter, The marke of Hen: Steele, Richard Pemble, George Taylbey, Henry Wood, Samuel Blunt, William Huttall, Kellam Collin, Richard Beighton, Francis Patricke, John Tanner, Nath: Walter, John Burt, William Pease, Joshua Sheppard. Luke Pease, William Deacon, Willu Milsom, John Barwell, James Ryten, Richard Chambrs. John Goodale Beadells,

Folio 7. THE CARPENTERS.

John Rad his merke, Thomas dorebarre his merke, William Blunden, Richard frith, Richard Penniale his marke, John Giggins his marke, Roulfe Joy, William Collis, Leonard Blansford his marke, Thomas Elliott, George Emerson, Thomas Cooper, Will spencer, Thomas Gamble his marke, Andrew Wake clerk of the Company of Carpenters, John Walter Beadle, Thomas Atkinson, Anthony Flatman, John Bateman, John Warden, Leonard Marshall, Samll Berry, Henry Johnson his marke, Nathaniell Foxe, Nicholas Woodgate, Thomas King, Richard Sanderson, John Wildegoose, Tho. Birkett, John Athillyard, Samuel Lim, John Brewth, Hugh Standish, Will. Taylor, Henry White, Edw. Jarman, Anthony Linnett, George Gilpin, Will. Peeling, John Freeman, John Seayard, Robert Webb, Thomas Audeley, John Clarke, Richard Feild, William usall, Edward Buckley, Harry Hopkins, Robert Peters, Thomas Charman, Joseph Darvyll, John Hastings, Jo. Joyse, John Copland, Richard Woodhouse, Adam Southern, Ben, Warden, William eghorn, John Coles, Joseph Marshall, Richard Gadsden, *On the back of Folio 7.* Wm Freeman.

Folio 8. THE COMPANY OF CORDWAINERS.

Theodore Renouldes, master, The mark of Edmond Powntney, James Sargent, Francis Marriott, Christopher Price, Richard Andrews, The mark of Thomas Baugh, The mark of James Frances, William hunt, Stephen Arowsmith, Willm. Molins, John Bincks, William Bayels, Richard Hill, Richard Reeve, Thomas Blackwell, John Papworth, William Winders, Thomas Hull, Edward Hooker, Jenkin Ellis, Thomas Waters, Peattor le Keugh, William Williams, The mark of Symon King, John Jones, Thns. Vate, Henry Berry, The mark of Ralph Franklyn, Richard Nettmaker, Robert Warden, John Grice, Edward Richards Thos. Floyd, *Cler misterii praedicti*; Mathew Tarleton, Daniell Penn, John Cotle, The mark of Robert Botley, Gabriell Marden.

Folio 9. THE COMPANY OF CHIRURGEONS.

William Kinges, Wm. Gurney, Charles Stamford, Richd. Watison, John Warde, Jas. (?) Stickle, Lawr. Cotton, William Bignell, Edward Arris, Henry Boone, John Madockes, Robt. Bullacke, Lawrence Loe, Wm. Molin, Robert Clinke, Tho. Allen, Robt. Westbrooke, Wills Deawns, John Saper, John Meredith, Will. Pimmer, William Baker, Giles Hickes, Richard Guy, John Darell, James Donaldson, Samuel Needler, John Bray, John Harvey, Gyles Lawrence, Daniell Cooke, Tho. Simonds, Thos. Harris, Edward Wicks, Joseph Byrne, Wm. Perse, Thomas Kingman, Tho. Burton, Wm. Markham, Henry Johnson, Richd. Gossage, Richd. Robinson, Ben. Turner, Giles Heale, Ralphe Foster, Daniel Lewis, John Perkins, Edmund Teroh, Edward Phenis, Robt. Rawlins, Edmund Johnson, James Lellesden, Tho. Bowden, James Farr, Rich. Edens, Edward Webster, John Goodriche, Ptr. Bell, William Dublely, Edmond Higgs, Nic^o. Brethers, James Clarke Henry Byeth, George Dunn, Thomas Collins, William Watson.

Folio 10. THE COMPANY OF PAINTER STAINERS,

Stephen Read, John Dowson, Nicholas Harger, Hen. Isaacson, John Honner, Henry Ward, Joshua Carpenter, Arthur Smythson, Geo. Willingham S. S. Thomas Botelle, William Banckys, Anthony Hancock, John Withy, John Gomersall, John Brook, To live quiet and peaceble I subscribe Geo. Carleton, Thomas Holmden, Marko Garrett, Will. Russell, Henry Gulsone, Thomas Johnson, James Munn, Ben. Lloyd, John Bennett, Wm. Cleburne, Samuel Edge, John Kettlewell, Daniell Pratt, Tho. Arnold, John Bird, William Disbrowe, John Walker, John Asgilt, Thomas Hillerd, Francis Gurrey, Emanuel Middleton, Abraham Ash, Henry Potkin, Thomas Cockayne, Will. Sedgewik, Thomas Evans, Richard Goodwin, John Pratt, Christopher Coates, William Brewer, Tho. Constable, Anthony mary a Smith, John Taylor, John Dyner.

Folio 11. THE CURRIERS' COMPANY.

John Kirkman, Thomas Sutton, Hen. Haselwood, Richard Morgan, Geo Shepperd, Lewis Harvey, James Sealvine, Jo. Franklin, Nicholas Turten, Christopher Palmer, Thomas Johnson, John Botley, John Dallison, John Fuall, John Pippard, William Sutton, Thomas Mee, Peter Hulkes, Joseph Willson, Barth. Bigmore Clarke.

Folio 12. THE COMPANY OF FOUNDERS.

Joseph Parratt, William Burroughes, Clement Dawes, Henry Careles, Richard Smith, Thomas Shead, Simon Cage, S. Pilcher, Marmaduke Almond, Will. Ragdale, William Yeames, Fra Rawlins, John Botham, Steven Archbold, Moses Browne, William Pinchny, John Thayer, Samuel Bevan, Lewis Butler, Thomas Embre, Meric White his mark, Anthony Gaerie, Edward Swaine, Thomas Slough, William Nicholls, John Castle, John Stead, William Gale, William Basspoole Clerk, Charles Eambre beadle.

Folio 13. THE COMPANY OF INNOLDERS.

The mark of Wm. Lakine, *Mr, The mk of Thomas Anderson, Edwar Whitborne, Tho. Charlett, Richard Gualter, Richard Reeve, Robt. Smith, John Holiday, Edward Osborne, John Hanteshead, Auguston Bryan, William Roberts, The mark of Thomas Hanson, The mark of Wm. Pennington, Thomas Malcher, The mark of Roger Jenkinson, Robert Steale, John Davis, John Whitturn, Robert Whitbourn, Will. Markland, The mark of Thomas Kerebrose, James Claybrook, The mark of Arthur Jayard, Isaac Bennett, Tho. Eccleston, Rich. Penner, Thomas Collins, Richard Williams, John Dale, Edward Lywüs, John Natton Richard Milner, Clarke, Willie Somyne bedle, John Wells, Bernard Hopkins, Thomas Astilly, Oliver Markland, Nicho. Cooke, Edmond Tooly, Robt. Whitehead, Robt. Jenings, William Leakines,

* This Mr affixed to Lakine's name indicates that he was in the year of the compilation of the list Master of the Company.

Folio 14. THE COMPANY OF FREE MASONS.

Tho. Richardson, Richard Mildmay, Rich. Banckes, James Farr, Thomas Moore, Henry Wilson; Edward Marshall, Ben. Richardson, Roger Lewis, Thomas Flory, John Hall, William Sterne, Andrew Marvin, John Young, George Dowger, Hen. Boughton, Thomas Jordan, John Young, Thomas Shorthose, Samon Fide, John Younge, William Drew, John Shetleworthe, John Pickering Clarke, William Withere bedle, Tho. Stanton.

Folio 15. THE COMPANY OF POWLTERS.

Thomas Fryer, John Hosford, George Robinson, Oliver Crowch, Owen Kynaston, Rowland Woodbridge, William Preson, Simon Fanmen, John Waddington, William Trinkell, Robert Sunibancke, Thomas Rogers, William Leaver, Edward Scott, John Henson elys Hall, Constant Waddington, William Chamberlin, Martin Higgins, Charles Codmer, Edmund Geare,

Folio 16. THE COMPANY OF COOPERS.

Thomas Gill, William Coultman, Humilistian Hynd, Richard Walter, Tho. By his mark, Rid. Mills, Francis Firvett his marke, Andrew Aldworth, William Giles his mark, Alexander Norman, Anthony Guy, Edward Box, William Greene, Nathaniel Lucas, Thomas Baldwyn, Richard Young, John Clene his mark, George Daye, John Gibson, Alexander Eve, Renold Goodman, Henry Haycock, Tho. Mays, Richard Simpkins, Robert Tappyn, his marke, George Moore, Thomas Boyerleton, George Buller, Simeon Driver, John Beny, Tho. Carter William Rudd, Daniell Ireland, John Lewis, Robert, Taylour, Edward Clarke, John Hardie, Peter Crutchfeild, John Norman, John Looker Clerke as formerly, Will. Cooper, John Walker Beadle, William Hitchman, John Milton, Richard Alexander, Thomas Mason, Willm. Willes, Robert Joyce, Tho. Rollinson, Tho. Collett.

Folio 17. THE COMPANY OF COOKS.

Leonard Read, Oswald Matcalfe, John Jones, John Willcok, Symon Hamond, William Russell, James Waters, John Plate, George Tharp, Francis Tuk, Abell Grene, Henry Bromhead, John Johnson, John Jontson, Wm Johnson, Thomas Stanton, Lau. B'omeley, Cler., Thomas Skeere, Edward Corbett, John Hyren, Robert Fitken, John Hurst,

Folio 18. THE COMPANY OF BRICKLAYERS.

Richard Pinch, John Charse, Richard Billings, John Ridley, John Wathen, Roger William, John Williames, Robert neddler, Richard Maclarness, Jon. Burridg, Peter Mills, The mark of Will. Bevin, John Tanner, The mark of Lawrence Slater. James Cotom, Richard Barker, E. Finch Clark to the aforesaid Comp; Chriso. Beling, Abraham Wearral The mark of Wm. Runwell, William Lillie, John Squire, Ralph Haynes John Harrison, Thmo. Norfolk, Nicholas Butterfeild, Richard Norfolk, Robert Salter, The mark of Richard Aldridge, Abell Barton, Clement Elwood, Richard Predmore, William Botssford, William Mason, Thos. Yeuce, The mark of Francis Feild, Thomas Anley, The mark of Oliver Mathewe, John Braithwait, Thomas Elwood, Thomas Jones, William Jones, John Segood, The mark of m. m. wm. Rippon the Beadle, Illis Osborne.

Folio 19. THE COMPANY OF BOWYERS.

Tho. Jackman, Edward Brooke, John Freebody, The mark of Robert Kirkman, Clement Powell, Robert Flamsted, Richard Cox, Thomas Wagstaffe, Richard Lessuuyell, John Johnson, Henry Johnso, George Thorne, John Adams, Rodert Sparrowe, Edm. Halesis, John Greaves, Thomas Stephenson.

Folio 20. THE COMPANY OF TURNERS.

Thomas Gwatkins Mr, Henry Edsell warden, Will Tute Senr, The mark of Will Shaw, Richard Bartillet, Thomas Hall, Jo. Sluttar, Richard Bankes, John Stonyard, John Stringer, William Mote, William Compton, David Godward, Joseph Booth, Tho. Hower, John Story, Zachariah Hogsfiesh, Leonard Savage, John King, Jno. Gaine, John Cuffill, William Fletcher, Andrew Pope, Zackariah Turner, William Bowlide, Fra Gillow Clerke to the said Company, Edmund Walker bedell to the eum tu, Thomas Cruse, John Davis, Thomas Willeckeke, William wa, Ambroas Huke, Robert Martin, Thomas Griffith, Edmund Jones, Robert Russer, Robert Edsall, John Wallington.

Folio 21. THE COMPANY OF GLAZIERS.

Robert Perwick, master, Thomas Ellis warden, John Hattrell warden, Tho. K—bisher, Francis Patis, Edmond Millnan, Christopher Hewett, Tho. Aston, Nicholas Bannister, John Saunderson, Raphe Grimes, William Lampe, John Runnell, William Rider, George Giles, John Kempe, Hugh Pember, Edward Brush, Francis Browne, Thomas Smith, John Harpurs, Daniel Coost, Robart Tasucone, John Cottrell, Baptist Sutton, William Hyde, Tho. Jowett, Thomas Tipping, John Gardner, Richard Clark,

Folio 22. THE COMPANY OF APOTHECARIES.

Samuel Harrison, James Fanes, John Thomas, Rich. Edwards, Raphe Yardley, J. Lawrence, James Walsham, Oliver Reynolds, Samuel Skelton, Richard Holland, Leonard Buckner, James Martyn, Mich. Markland, John Tomes, John Lorymery, James Louinge, William Lyons, Raph Collins, Tho. Archer, Boniamen Bannastre, Francis Chillingworth, George Dover, Simon Williams, Robart Fretwell, Jo. Retorick, W. Whitworth, Richard Ingolsbee, Tho. Stonehouse, Edw. Underwood, Alex. Eaton, Wm. Lythall, beadle, Matthew Turner, Raphe Hartley, Anthony Hinton, Thomas Isted. Wm. Shambroke, Geo. Johnson, Caleb Stephans.

NOTES.

Folio 1. THE COMPANY OF WAX CHANDLERS.

The Company was incorporated by Richard III. in 1489. Its present hall at 13, Gresham Street, is modern. It was erected in 1852. upon the site of an older building.

In the list of membership, the names, Hage and Lovell, are joined by a bracket. This, taken into consideration with their position early in the list, would appear to indicate that at the time of signature the two named held some office in the Company.

A considerable space separates the name of Bennett from that nearest. His office as Clerk probably led him to check the list, and to sign at the end in attestation of its accuracy

Grace Hardwin was Churchwarden of St. Michael's, Crooked Lane, in 1646. In 1660, he still lived within the parish on the north side of St. Michael's Lane.

Folio 2. THE COMPANY OF TALLOW CHANDLERS.

The foundation of this Company preceded that of the Wax Chandlers by 23 years. It was in 1460 that Edward IV. incorporated the membership

Gabriell Benyon was Churchwarden of St. Michael's, Crooked Lane, in 1650. A variant of the spelling of his name, the form 'Bimon', is found in the Churchwardens' Accounts, under date May 29, 1650. Spelling, so widely divergent from the form used by the signatory of the document, would seem to us of the present day extraordinary. It is, however, positively uncommon to find a name written uniformly by a seventeenth century possessor and by his acquaintances. This fact, of primary importance, should give pause to those who trust to gain their knowledge of the contents of a document by consultation of an index. It is probable that, if the name be contained in the former and latter, it will appear in such a guise that intelligent perusal rather than reference will be needed to secure identification of the person sought.

Thomas Rose is, presumably, identical with the Tallow-Chandler who was Churchwarden of S. Magnus the Martyr in 1664.

Anthony Philp occupied several parish offices, amongst them in 1654, that of Churchwarden in S. Botolph's Billingsgate. He was still alive in 1664.

A man of the uncommon name of Roger Mustian was Senior Churchwarden of S. Giles', Cripplegate, in 1650.

The Churchwardens' Accounts of S. John, Zachary, of about this period of 1650, record a payment to Mr Pecoce and Mr Grenehill at Tallow Chandlers' Hall, for the use of maymed soldiers, & 28-2-9.

NOTES. *continued.***THE COMPANY OF TALLOW CHANDLERS. *continued.***

John Archer married Margery, née Bingham, of Islington, at Stepney, in 1640. In 1642, he was living at Turnbase Lane, in the parish of St Mary, Aldermanbury. There, in 1645, he had a son John, and, in 1648, a second child, Michael. In 1650, he and Margaret had removed to the 'Baklene' (Backlane).

Ralph Humfreys, tallow-chandler, was buried on Feb. 4, 1659, at St. Michael's, Cornhill:

Folio 3 THE COMPANY OF ARMORERS.

The Armourers' and Braziers' Hall is situated at the north-east corner of Coleman Street, and stands on the site of the Old Hall of the Company, incorporated at the beginning of the reign of Henry VI, in 1422.

In 1665, Alexander Normington gave two College Pots to the Company Miles Robinson is probably identical with the Master of 1670, in which year John Collingwood was Assistant. Robinson lived in the parish of S. Peter's, Cornhill, in Gracechurch Street, and there had, by his wife, Mary, a son, Myles, who was baptized on Oct. 18, 1626. On Sunday July 4, 1629. another son Jeremy, then a week old, was also baptized.

This same parish seems to have been a haunt of Armourers. The registers shew; two sons of Peter Newton, born in 1639 and '40, and each named Peter; sons George and Thomas born to Thomas Birkhead and Bridgitt his wife, dwelling in Cornhill; and one son William to William Hall who in January 1663 was living in "Gratioustreete." This street is now known as Gracechurch Street, and both names appear to be corruptions of "Grass Church", the street having been originally so named from a church similarly termed in consequence of a grass or herb market having been held opposite its doors. The name Gracechurch would, I think, have been pronounced as 'Graceschurch.' Indeed, in the Churchwardens' accounts of S. Stephen's, Walbrook, "Church" is written not once or twice "Shurch" In remote parts of Essex, around Woodham Walter and Little Baddow, the word is still pronounced with the "ch" soft.

Ralph Boulter, who was of the parish of St Andrew, Holborn, in 1640, married Penelope Collier, daughter of Richard Collier of 'Chesthunt', Herts, Tanner, at Stepney Parish Church.

The name of Walter Bengé is not written, but is stamped with impressed type. This is a very early example of the use of such a device by a private person: some such fashion of signature had been used for public purposes long anterior to 1651. In 1648, Bengé presented a small Wine Cup to the Company.

NOTES. *Continued.***THE COMPANY OF ARMOURERS. *Continued.***

The Will of Walter Benges is 34, Aylett, P.C.C. He desires to be buried in St Botolph's, Aldgate. Of his brothers, Nicholas and Roger, the latter, late of Ellington, Hunts, was already dead in 1654. Both brothers had left sons named William. The surviving issue of Walter appears to have been a daughter only, Abigail. His house in Blackfriars he left for life to a widow, named Grout. He possessed another house in the Minories. Probate of his will was granted on January, 10, 1655.

Folio 4 THE COMPANY OF GIRDLERS.

The Company of Girdlers was incorporated by Henry VI in 1449; its charter was confirmed by Elizabeth in 1658. With it the Pinners and Wire-drawers entered into union

The Hall was re-built after the Great Fire.

A girdler was one who manufactured or sold girdles, but who, as the union to which reference has been made will suggest, did not confine his business to the article indicated by his trade name. Indeed, the burial entry of one of the sons of John Cudworth, girdler, describes that latter as "haberdasher" in small wares.

Richard Ward's signature appears in the Churchwardens' Accounts of St Michael, Crooked Lane, in the year 1646. He was then a resident in the parish.

Richard Wilding was Churchwarden of St Magnus in 1641 and '2; Thomas Rucke in 1655 and '6. Both are described in the parish accounts as Citizen and Girdler.

Edward Johnson, a gyrdler, was living in the parish of St James's, Clerkenwell, in November, 1653.

In 1641, Thomas Clarke, of Christchurch, London, girdler, married Elizabeth Jackson at Stepney.

Stephen Estwick, of Totteridge, Esq, was elected Governor of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Barnet, 18 July 1651. He was Alderman in that year, Sheriff the next. His name first appears upon the Minute Book of Totteridge Vestry on June 25, 1649.

In 1652, he purchased, in conjunction with John Cudworth, from the Parliamentary Commissioners for the sale of the lands of the Archbishops and Bishops, a yearly rent of seventy pounds issuing out of the house of the late dissolved priory of Bilsington. Cudworth was associated with him in the purchase in order that he might act as trustee for Estwick's daughter, Sara. Stephen Estwick died upon Dec. 15, 1657. and Cudworth fulfilled his trust by transferring the estate by Indenture of Nov. 25. of the following year.

A second daughter of Estwick, Hannah, survived him, lived celibate, and died June 10th. 1705, aged 64. A small tablet on the north wall of

NOTES ON GIRDLERS. *continued.*

Tottenham Church bears tribute to her memory. The arms of Estwick (Chequy purp. and erm. Crest, A Talbot's head, or, collared purp. and erm. chained of the first) may be found emblazoned in Harl. M.S. 5810, f. 68.

John Cudworth was son of Ralph Cudworth, Rector of Aller and of Mary née Machell, his wife. This Ralph Cudworth (1572-1624) was of ancient Lancastrian family, being second and posthumous son of Ralph Cudworth, Manorial Lord of Oldham. He died, apparently somewhat suddenly, in 1624, and left a widow and four children; James, John, Elizabeth and Ralph. James emigrated to Scituate in New England where he associated himself with the disaffected Puritans. His letters home ultimately brought trouble upon his step-father Dr Stoughton of Aldermanbury, whom Cudworth's widow had married. The Diary of John Rous records, under date October 1635, that, "Doctor Stoughton of Aldermanbury. in London, had married Cudworth's widow of Emmanuel, and had the same living given by the College in the West Country, from whence a carrier bringing some moneys for his wives children's portions he was traduced (as it seemeth) to be a favourer of New England, and a collector of contributions for those ministers there, so that a pursevant was sent to the carrier and many halberdmen for him, but within two or three days *re cognita* he returned with credit in the Earl of Holland's coach.'

In 1639 both mother and step-father were dead, and John Cudworth was, probably, in trade in London. Prior to 1650, he married Mary, the sister of Edward Bushell, a well-to-do merchant of Little St Helen's, and, by her, had issue that survived; a son John, also afterwards a Girdler, born on June 4, 1654, and a daughter, Rebecca. Mary Cudworth, née Bushell, died in 1670, and was buried in the "North Quire" of Great St Helen's. Cudworth re-married, apparently, with the sister of Samuel Brett of Romford in the County of Essex, Draper. By her, or by his former wife he had issue; Thomas, Samuel and Benjamin, the last born about three or four years before his father's death.

In 1674, when his mental condition was impaired, he was party to several Indentures, by which he conveyed to various trustees, among them his brother Ralph, the illustrious Master of Christ's College, the Angell on Fish Street Hill, his dwelling house, the King's Head near thereunto, his lands at Bentley, Suffolk. and elsewhere, stock in the East India Company, and other portions of a great property.

In May, 1675, he died and was buried at St Helen's Bishopsgate. His son John, who had been educated at the Merchant Taylors' School married twice, once with a woman named Chambers, and, the second time in 1691, with Elizabeth Wayte. By her, he had issue John, Charles and Elizabeth Wayte Cudworth.

Benjamin Cudworth, afore-mentioned, was educated at the Merchant Taylors, School and Christ's College, Cambridge, to the latter of which

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he was admitted a Fellow-Commoner in 1688. On the accession of William and Mary he had Latin verses in the University Collection, and he was created M. A. on October 7, 1689. when the King visited Cambridge.

Benjamin signalised the attainment of his majority by suing his father's trustees, amongst other grounds, upon that of not having apprenticed him, and by quarrelling with his brothers. John and Samuel, with whom he remained at life-long enmity. In 1698, he added to an already considerable property by the purchase of West Burton Farm. near Wynfryth Newburgh in Dorset; in 1724, he subscribed to the publication of the first volume of Burnet's History of His Own Times. and on Sept. 15, 1725, died, leaving the principal part of his estate to his cousin, John Cudworth of Southolt, with whom he was probably staying just prior to his death. There is, or was, a black marble slab to his memory in the church at Southolt.

Samuel paid a visit to India, served there as Factor in 1682, returned, well-nigh ruined himself in Company Promotion, and in Copper-Mining and White-Paper Making Speculations, and died, before May, 1727, leaving a son, Wyan,

Thomas also died in 1726, without issue, in S. Dunstan's, Fleet Street.

Rebecca Cudworth, in 1676, married Humfrey Nicoll of S. Udy, Cornwall, and bore him several children.

Thomas Firmin, Girdler, married Margaret Dent, He was the owner of houses in Three King Court and Pelican Court, and a governor of Christ College Hospital. On December 20, 1627, he died. His epitaph in Christchurch, Newgate Street, records his care for the orphan, his labours of charity, redemption of debtors from prison, and relief of distressed refugees from France and Ireland.

Mr Matthias Goodfellow, Girdler, is identical with Mr Mathias Goodselton of the list. The name, as written by himself, was possibly intended to be "Goodfellow". The misfortune remains that the writer failed to achieve his purpose. As assumptions pave the way to error, it is better to indicate the identity of "Goodselton" and "Goodfellow" in the notes.

At St Lawrence, Jewry, there are recorded the baptisms of his children by his wife, Eleanor; to wit, Matthias (21 October, 1651), Eleanor (16 July, 1653), Charles (19 February 1655), Edward (27 January, 1657), a second Elianor (28 August, 1658), James (27 June, 1660). In all the entries, save that relative to the second Eleanor, he is either described as Girdler, or, is left undescribed, In that entry, he is termed "Silkman".

The burials, corresponding to the name above-mentioned, include; Eleanor (8 Septeber, 1654), Edward (28 April, 1657), James (2 March, 1661) Mr Mathias Goodfellow in the South Ile near the font (19 May, 1691) and Elianor Goodfellow, in South Ile (18 July, 1691).

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In the same registers of S. Lawrence, Jewry, are contained entries relative to a citizen and girdler, Samuel Winge or Wyng ; as follows: Baptism of his children by Elizabeth, his wife; John (2 March, 1655-6), Benjamin (30 June, 1658) and many others, Burials of John (12 June, 1657), Elizabeth (16 May, 1657), John (10 August, 1673). are also recorded. Before 1660 he had married a second wife Elizabeth, and by her had a daughter Martha, born and baptized on June 3rd.

A certain Richard Chambers, Citizen and Girdler, had, in St Lawrence, Jewry, a wife, Hannah, and, by her, a son Richard (bapt. 13 October, 1674), a daughter Rebecca (bapt. 27 January, 1675), and another Eleanor (bapt. 6 June, 1678).

It is difficult to express adequately my opinion of the kindness of the Reverend Stephen Barrass in opening to access the voluminous parish documents, which he so scrupulously cherishes and the value of which he as an antiquarian so fully understands, to those whose labours are often on lines somewhat parallel to his own. Possibly to him, as to me, it may appear a work of piety towards the bygone, rather than of utility towards those of to-day, to know and recall the names of those who in their past fulfilled the purpose of God.

In the compilation of these notes, my end has been greatly facilitated by the aid and good-will, not only of this gentleman, but of the Rev Dacre Craven, who furnished me the opportunity of reading the Registers of St Andrew's Holborn, and by the researchs of Mr, A. W. Cannon, of Messrs. Hutchings & Romer, who has contributed from his store to the particulars that have enabled me to identify places, halls, streets and churches.

Folio 5, THE COMPANY OF BUTCHERS.

Their hall in Pudding Lane, Eastcheap, was near the site of the origin of the Great Fire. It was burnt down and rebuilt again in 1829.. The recent and inexplicable loss of the older registers of the adjacent parish of S. Margaret's, Fish St. Hill, renders the annotation of this list difficult. The difficulty is increased by the impossibility of obtaining access to other registers likely to contain particulars of the membership. No tender of legal fees is of any use in the case of the many parishes of which the books are lodged in S. Margaret's, Lothbury.

The abuse of the power vested in the clergy of such parishes is a notorious and public scandal, to which attention cannot be too repeatedly drawn.

That registers should be occasionally lost, whilst such practices as lending them to applicants, or cutting out the entries desired by a searcher, are still possible—and in the cases of two incumbents these things have been done recently—is only to be expected.

In the parish of S. Leonard's, Eastcheap, lived a number of butchers, of whom the name of only one is contained in this list. Mr John Linthwight, butcher, was buried there upon October 20, 1658.

As the records of this Company date from a period subsequent to the Great Fire, the names of some freemen and of others plying the trade within the City may be of use to any liveryman who may hereafter engage in the compilation of an account of the guild.

John Lester, of S. Leonard's, afore-mentioned, had baptised a daughter Mary, May 14, 1665; a son Joseph, March 5, 1658; another Joseph, July 15, 1660; Abigail (daughter of . . . & Mary) April 10, 1662; Mary, Feb. 14, 1663.

Thomas Patrick of the same parish had issue by his wife Anne; John, baptized March 16, 1676.

Richard Smith of the same married Susannah Pincke of S. Saviour's, Southwark upon 30 Dec., 1662—This wife Susannah was buried on December 29; 1664.

Christopher Smith, another butcher there, had a son Richard, baptized July 12, 1662. Christopher was buried 13 January, 1664.

Other butchers of this parish were John Vertue, William Seale, Edward Hooker, Matthew Oliver, Robert Evans, William Barnes, William Chapman, & Jonathan Reymond. An inspection of the Registers of S. Leonard's Eastcheap. S. Benet's Gracechurch St, S Denis Backchurch and All Hallows Lombard St, leads to the conclusion that in many instances the entries have been "written up", long after the events they record, by the parties interested. This is particularly the case with the many entries relative to Cudworth and Brett, of which some are printed as an appendix to these notes.

That the signature of Michael Phillips in the list should bear any resemblance to the writing of the entry of his death in the Register of S. Leonard's would be extraordinary, were it not that the Harleian M S. bears some evidence of a struggle for the pen that resulted in the victory of a proxy (possibly of the parish Clerk) who signed for the Butcher, Michael Phillips was buried on January 19, 1651, or possibly, 1652. The arrangement of the registers of this parish leaves frequent occasion to doubt to what year any entry refers. Occasionally the events recorded have been, as aforesaid, interpolated, and occasionally re-dated.

Folio 6. THE COMPANY OF SADLERS.

"Near unto Foster Lane", says Strype, "but in Cheapside, is Saddler's Hall—a pretty good building, seated at the upper end of a handsome alley, near to which is Half Moon Alley which is but small, at the upper end of which is a tavern, which gives a passage into Foster Lane, and another into Gutter Lane"

"This Company appears", says Maitland, to be a fraternity of great antiquity by a convention agreed upon between them and the Dean and Chapter of S Martin's le Grand, about the reign of Richard I, at which time I imagine it to have been an Adulterine Guild, seeing it was incorporated only by Letters Patent of Edward I, by the appellation of "The wardens or Keepers and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Sadlers, London".

John Tanner, by Will, dated March 8, 1677, devised the reversion of his messuages on the East Side of Snow Hill in the parish of S. Sepulchre's, London, to the Mayor, Commonalty & Citizens of London in their capacity as Governors of S. Bartholomew's Hospital, subject to certain estates tail already existing on the said premises, upon trust to pay yearly to the Company of Sadlers, five pounds, to be disposed of as an exhibition towards the maintenance of a poor scholar at one of the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge. Nothing has ever been received by the Company on account of the gift; nor does it appear that the reversion devised to the Governors of S Bartholomew's has become vested in possession.

Daniel Halldanbye or Holdanby was of a Yorkshire family, being the second son of Francis Holdenby of Holdenby and of Elizabeth née Lockwell. He married Joane, daughter of Richard Wootton of London, and recorded his arms and pedigree at the Visitation of London in 1633-5. He had at that time children; Richard, Daniel, Anne and Mary.

William Peas was of the parish of S Peter's, Cornhill. On Friday August 11, 1626, he, then living in Gracechurch Street with Mary, his wife, presented his son John for baptism. Martha, a daughter, was baptised in 1639, and Samuel in 1644.

Mr James Ryton, and his wife Elizabeth, were both buried in the Middle Aisle of S. Vedast's, Foster Lane. the latter on Dec 18, 1658, the former ten days later. A Mr Thos. Ryton, Clerk of the Sadlers' Company, was buried in the same church in August, 1649.

The following were at various times Masters:—Ed. Perkins; 1650; Nathaniel Burt, 1632; Thos. Clowes, 1639 and '40; Toby Harvest, 1644; Will. Freeman, 1645 and '46; Danyell Holdenby; 1648; Edward Benskin, 1664; John Gaine, 1670; Thomas Webb, 1651; Benjamin Potter, 1641; Richard Pemble, 1672; Kenelme Collins, 1660; Francis Pattricke, 1666 and 1679; John Tanner, 1667 and '68; William Pease, a benefactor, 1635, 1655 and '56; Joshua Sheppard, 1659; William Milsom, 1657; John Barwell, 1639.

Richard Beighton was on Oct 31, 1648, fined 6d. for "two naughty straps", and Daniel Potter 2s 6d for misconduct at a funeral in 1633.

William Deacon was one of the Livery in August, 1646.

Edward Benskin presented a silver salt to the Company.

Mr Samuel Blunt lived in S Dunstan's in the West, where his wife was buried, 11 June, 1657.

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Mr Blunden was Warden in 1651, Master in 1653. The following were all living on July 7th., 1657:- Messrs. Jeggins, Copland, Pilling, Gaddesden, Blansford, Sanderson, Emerson, Marshall, Cole, King, Lin senior, Atkinson, Darvell, Standish, and Penyall. Of these the following attained civic office:- Mr Blansford, Warden, 1664; Mr Copland Master, 1657; Mr Taylor, Warden, 1657; Thos. Atkinson, Warden, 1653; Mr Darvell, Warden, 1657. Of the others, Mr Birkett was Warden in 1651, George Gilping, Richard Frith and John Joyce in 1653; William Blunden was Master in the same year, and Richard Sanderson late Master and still living in 1656; and Thomas Awdley and Wm. Sigborne were both living in 1665.

Thomas King had been Master in 1642.

John Wildegoose was a man of some small importance in his Company. On Dec. 6th., 1664, he, who is described as "an old Master" lent the Company, £400. In 1651 there were probably two of the name members of the Company, for reference is made on Dec. 4th. of that year to Mr Wildegoose the elder. In 1657 one of that name was Warden.

Mr Dorebarre, a Carpenter, is mentioned in the Churchwarden's Accounts of 1549 and subsequent years as having executed work for St Clement's Eastcheap. He was retained by St Stephen's Walbrook, for which parish he executed several surveys, in and about 1653.

Mr Gamball worked for the Church of S John's Zachary, in 1652, and was paid 5s. 5d. for his achievements.

P. C. C., 151, Pembroke, is the Will of Anthony Jerman, Citizen and Carpenter, who mentions his son Edward and the daughter of that latter, Judith. The Probate of Anthony Jerman's will was granted on September 30, 1650.

Mr Edward Jerman, sometime City Carpenter, had but one daughter. She married a man named Dunn and died on Sep 21st., 1660. Jerman himself is, I take it, he who was buried in Cripplegate Church on Nov. 26, 1663. There was no sermon, a fact possibly due to his reputed poverty. The fact of his daughter's burial is recorded in Smith's Obituary, and much would point to the conclusion that the Dunn she married was the surgeon of Guildhall Yard.

William Collis, Carpenter, was buried, at St Lawrence Jewry. 13 May. 1654.

Perhaps, Robt. Webb was the same for whom in August 1651, William Webb, carpenter, of S; Martin's in the Fields went bail in £20, when the former was bound over in his own recognizances of £40 to answer for saying "the Kinge of Scots was noe traytor".

A Thomas, son of Thomas King, carpenter, and Mary, his wife, was baptized at S; Bennet's, Gracechurch St. on Feb. 20, 1689.

NOTES. *continued.***Folio 8. THE COMPANY OF CORDWAINERS,**

A Cordwainer was a worker in Cordovan leather or cordwain; that is, a shoemaker.

Thomas Waters was Churchwarden of S. Michael's, Crooked Lane in 1650.

The Will nuncupative of a Richard Reeve, cordwainer, is to be found in the printed Calendar of those in the Court of Hustings. From the particulars therein it would appear that Reeve was of the parish of S. Paul's Covent Garden, and died at Hampstead, early in January, 1665, survived by his wife and by his brother, John.

William Hunt of Rose Lane, Cordwainer, was married to Abigail Smith at Stepney Parish Church on April 22nd., 1649.

The name of the Clerk is given as Lloyd, not Floyd, in the registration of his burial at S. Dunstan's in the West, upon 3 Sep. 1659. This Clerk is mentioned in MSS. in Mr. Marsham's Collection, deeds of 1654, executed between Henry Potter, Citizen and Apothecary, and Elizabeth his wife, one of the daughters of George Argent, late of Hoxton, William Winders, Citizen and Cordwainer, and Thomas Floyd of S. Margaret Moses. The deeds relate to premises in Hoxton.

Richard Nettmaker lived in S. Benet's Gracechurch St., married a wife Bridget Jenkins in 1629, and had children, Richard (bapt. 26 Aug. 1632), Elizabeth (bapt. 1 January, 1634), Mary (bapt. 25 Oct. 1635.) James (bapt. 23 Nov. 1636), Elizabeth (bapt. 12 Aug. 1638). His wife Bridget died in 1663, and daughters Elizabeth in 1634 and 1635.

Folio 9. THE COMPANY OF SURGEONS.

The Charter of the Barber Surgeons was granted as early as 1401-2. and is still preserved by the Company. In 33 Henry VIII, the society was re-incorporated. The union that at first subsisted between the surgery and shaving was several times disturbed by the pretensions of the practitioners of the former art. Their claims have of modern years been recognized and a surgeon is now quite distinct from a hair-dresser, though perhaps his work is no less barbarous.

William Kinges, Master, 1650; Wm. Gurney, Warden, 1646 and '50; Charles Stanford, 1659; Richard Wateson, Surgeon in ordinary to the King and Master in 1630; John Ward, Master, 1641; Lawrence Cotton, Master, 1645; Edward Arris, King's Surgeon or Surgeon-Serjeant, Master in 1642 and 1651, in which latter year he was Alderman. Henry Boone was Master in 1644; Robert Bullock, 1652; Lawrence Loe, 1655;

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Thos. Allen, 1640; Robert Westbrook, 1657. The following were Wardens:—William Bignell, 1639; Thos. Kingman, and John Harvie, 1655; Wm. Markham, 1668; Henry Johnson, 1674; Ralph Foster, 1681; James Farr, and Nicholas Brothers, 1662; George Dunn, 1642; Thomas Collins, 1630; William Watson, 1657.

John Meredith contributed £3 to the Building Fund of the Company in 1638; Thomas Burton is mentioned in the Domestic State Papers of May 4, 1661. Wm. Gurney had a daughter, Prothsea, who in 1646 or 7 was married to James Bridgman of Exning in Suffolk. She was then aged 19, and lived in the parish of S. Stephen, Coleman Street.

Wm. Perse lived in the parish of S. Denis, Backchurch. Two of his children, Francis and Henry, were buried there in 1662 and 1665.

Mr. Dunn, surgeon in Guildhall Yard, died Feb. 26th. 1652, N. S.

"Old Mr. Boone" died July 19, 1666.

Mr. Giles Lawrence, of Wapping Hall, was buried at Stepney on May 16th, 1657. His widow married Capt. Thomas Mann and survived until 1688.

John Goodricke, who was in the year of his marriage, 1648, of Allhallowes Barking, had a wife Martha née Nicholls.

Benjamin Turner was of the parish of S. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. On March 26th. 1646, he married Mary Turner of S. Giles Cripplegate, at Stepney.

On January 11th., 1633 N. S., Thomas, son of Thomas Bowden, surgeon, dwelling in Basing Lane, was baptised at S. Mary's Aldermanbury. This Thomas Bowden died on April 13th., 1663. and was buried five days later at S. Thomas the Apostle. Of the former parish was also Margery, the daughter of John Warde, who, by reason of weakness, was baptised at her father's house in Bow Lane on August 31st., 1635.

Robert Rawlings was elected Clerk of the Company on October 2nd., 1643, and Edmund Johnson, "who writeth very well," Under Beadel on Jan. 25th., 1637:

The death of Thomas Mathews at the house of William Baker, surgeon, is noted in the list of remarks concerning the Apothecaries.

Several entries relative to Barbers or Barber-Surgeons are to be found, immediately subsequent to 1651, in the registers of S. Dunstan, Fleet Street.

Henry Watson, Barber, was buried there, June 1654; the wife of James Farr, barber, 30 Sept. 1654; Mr John Ward, barber, 4 April 1655; John Simons, a Chirurgion, 12 December, 1657.

Mr George Dunn did not long survive his subscription to this list. On February 27, 1651—2, he was buried under the Communion Table of

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S. Michael Bassishaw.

In the books of the College of Surgeons of 2 June, 1646, it is recorded that Mr Lawrence Loe, "a member of this company, through his great affection thereunto, did, for the worship thereof, freely offer to give for the beautifying soe many stones of Black and White marble as shall be sufficient for the pavement" of the hall.

On the ninth of August, 1647, a Court of the same Company, "taking into consideration the great benefit and profits that have accrued to the house by Mr Edward Arris, a loving brother of this company, doth order that his picture be set up in the Blank Table in the Hall next the Anathomy Table at the charge of the house." When the Company fell upon evil days, and the plate was sold upon March 19, 1649, Mr Arris bought the Cup and Cover of Henry VI11. and offered them again to the Company. In 1650, he and Henry Boone were commemorated in an inscription in the Anatomical Theatre as those who had first adorned it in 1638. In 1651, Ralph Thicknes and John Meredith erected a statue "shewing the subcutaneous muscles, both as an ornament of the Theatre and in perpetual memory of Edward Arris, founder of the Myatomie lecture, sometime Master of this society.

In 1651, Thomas Burton and Daniel Worrall likewise erected Anatomical Exhibits. In 1645, George Dunn gave human skins; In 1657, Henry Barker presented bones and ligaments; and in 1682, Thomes Hobbs, a skeleton.

Sir Richard Napier M. D., Dr Fern. Charles Stamford, Nicholas Brethers and Lawrence Loe were the surgeons who in 1657, conducted the Post Mortem upon Miles Sindercombe. This prisoner, who died in the Tower the night before the date fixed for his execution, was a Leveller accused of a plot to murder Cromwell, with whom he had been very intimate, It was commonly believed that he had been strangled by order of the Lord Protector, but an obedient Jury, after an interview with His Highness, brought in a verdict that the deceased had snuffed up poison through his nostrils, and so died.

At S. Paul's Covent Garden there is recorded the marriage of an Edmond Jerroll, Barber Surgeon, who is doubtless identical with the Edmond Jeroh of the list. He dwelt at Hoxton and married Sarah Feudall in 1657.

** In 1638, Thomas Collins, then a surgeon, was resident in Tower Liberty. See Mr Marchant's Surrey List, 853.

NOTES, *continued.***Folio 10. THE COMPANY OF PAINTER STAINERS.**

Thomas Evans, is buried in the "Middle Aisle" of S. Alphage, London Wall. His epitaph records; "Here lyes interr'd the body of Mr Thomas Evans, Citizen and Painter stayner of London who haveing served all offices in Ward Parish and Company and been a worthy benefactor to this Parish and his Company dyed the 15th of January, 1687. Aged 74 years"

I do not doubt, in view of the statements thus made that Thomas Evans, Churchwarden of S. Alphage in 1658 was the Painter Stainer.

The signature of William Pratt in this list is elaborately flourished, that of John Withy has been touched up in a different ink.

The following held office;

Masters:—Stephen Read, 1651; John Dowson, 1656; Nicholas Harger, 1661; Hen. Isaacson, 1634; Henry Ward, 1647; Joshua Carpenter, 1642; Geo. Willingham, 1645; Ths. Boteler, 1646; John Withie, 1658; John Gomersa, 1657; George Carleton, 1623; Wm. Russell, 1660; John Bennett, 1664; Mr. Hedge, 1663; John Asgill, 1666; Thomas Evans, 1667; John Taylor, 1644; John Dines, 1666.

Anthony Maria Smith, herald-painter, was brother of Francis Smith of Hurst in Berkshire. His son, John, died at Chelsey on August 7th. 1673, and was buried on the 20th. at S. Dunstan's in the West, unmarried.

Wm. Disbrowe was for many years resident in the parish of S. Vedast's, Foster Lane, of which he was Clerk. He had his children baptized there, and was himself buried in the Middle Aisle on January 9th. 1674, New Style.

Edward Carleton, Painter Stainer and *Dorothie* Sawman were married at S. Michael, Bassishaw; Jan. 13th, 1640—1.

On August 4th., 1657, Henry Ward, Painter-Stainer, was buried above his wife, at S. Michael, Bassieshaw, He died of dropsy.

John Withie is described as an Arms-Painter in a release to Francis Allanson, widow of Henry Allanson, late Arms-Painter, in March 1677.

Harleian MS. 1099 contains a memorandum of an agreement between Withy, Henry Parker and Smith to join in the work necessitated by the Lord Protector's funeral and to take with Deputy Allen each a fourth share of the profits,

In the same manuscript is a note as follows; "Cousen Saunders, 5 March, 1699, Madame Rose Desbrowe of Elswor the widdow in cambridgshear Dyed Last night her maiden name Wos Rose Hobson her last husband name Samuel."

To any one interested in a full account of the heraldic care bestowed upon Cromwell's funeral by Withy and others of the Company, the authority quoted would repay perusal,

NOTES. *continued.***Folio 11. THE CARRIERS COMPANY.**

Thomas Sutton, Carrier, of the parish of S. Clement's Danvers in August 1650, bail in £100 for Edward Ordway, of the same parish, gun-maker, at the Middlesex Quarter Sessions.

Folio 12. THE COMPANY OF FOUNDERS.

Joseph Parratt, whose will is dated, Aug. 18th., 1654, had as a wife, Dorothy. He was a Benefactor of the Company.

William Burroughs was, upon July 20, 1635, fined twenty shillings for disobedience to the Court of the Company.

On Sep. 3. 1650, Wm. Nicholls, John Castle and John Stead were ordered to provide themselves with Livery Gowns.

Of those who held office; Simon Cave was Master, Moses Browne and Stephen Pilcher, Wardens in 1652. William Basspoole was appointed Clerk on Sep. 12th, 1645

One name in the list. that of S. Pilcher, is impressed with a stamp.

John Stead was Senior Churchwarden of S. Mary Woolchurch Haw in 1663,

On Feb. 7, 1653 Mr Anthony Green and Mr John Brett gave a staff tipped with silver for the Beadle.

Folio 13. THE COMPANY OF INN HOLDERS.

Robert Whitbourne was, if similarity of signatures can establish identity, Questman of S. Margaret's Fish Street Hill in 1656, and resident there in 1659. Mrs Whitbourne occupied the same pew as he at church; so, presumably, he was married.

John Wells and Edmund Tooley both lived in the parish of S. Peter's, Cornhill. The former had a daughter Susanna, born in the early part of 1638: the latter, who lived in "Gracious St." a son Thomas, baptized Thursday May 7. 1629, and a daughter Rose, baptized July 11, 1630.

Deputy Holliday of Gracechurch was buried on September 9, 1654.

Old Oliver Markland, once innkeeper at The Castle in Wood Street, died at Stratford near Bow on August 8th., 1658. He possibly lived in parish of S. Bartholomew the Less in 1653, and married a widow named Judith Sanderson on February 1st. 1654 at S. Benet's, Gracechurch St.

Robert Smith kept the Anchor in Little Britain. He died May 26, 1659.

NOTES, *continued.*THE COMPANY OF INN HOLDERS, *continued.*

Mr Thomas Astill, Innkeeper, of the parish of S. Lawrence Jewry, had children John and Benjamin, baptized 5 April, 1652. It can be seen that his name could be easily written "Thom: Astill," or "Thomas Tillsley". Curiously enough a Mr Thomas Tilsley was also an Innholder in the same small parish, had a wife, children by her, and baptisms and burials in the years surrounding the single notice of Thomas Astill. The difficulty that might arise from similarity of names is lessened by the fact that Mr Astill's wife was Margaret. She died in October, 1665 and was buried on the twenty-fifth day of that month. At a vestry meeting of August 7, 1666, the investment of her donation to the parish in lands was discussed. This donation or settlement had apparently been made in part before Mrs. Astill's decease and was applied to a Lectureship that provided for a Friday sermon. Two days after Mrs Astill's death, Mr Francis Astill paid over forty shillings, bequeathed to the poor.

Mr. Thomas Astill himself, was Renter Churchwarden in 1651, and the death of Thomas Astill, Innholder, is recorded under date, Dec. 29, 1669.

Thomas Hanson, the Innholder, married a wife, Martha, and had a daughter Elizabeth, baptized at S. Benet's, Gracechurch St., 23 August, 1631.

In the adjoining parish of All Hallows, Lombard St., and at his residence in Gracechurch Street, John Holliday had, by his wife Mary, a son Thomas, who died in April, 1638.

Folio 14. THE COMPANY OF FREE MASONS.

To this Company were from time to time admitted many not operative Masons. Of this number was, for instance, Thos. Moore. Andrew Marvin "joined the Mason's Hall Lodge". James Farr may be identical with the Surgeon of his name.

At least three Richardsons were about this time members of the Company. Benjamin Richardson, son of Benjamin, "late Citizen and Freemason," was made free by patrimony on Feb. 8, 1635, Old Style. In 1651, Thomas Richardson was Master.

The signature of John Hall is worthy of note as containing, between the fore and surname, printed initials (which are indeed commonly enough so placed throughout the lists) in this case ingeniously like a symbolic mark.

The following were Wardens:—Richard Mildmay, 1651: Richard

NOTES. *continued.***THE COMPANY OF FREE MASONS. *continued.***

Banckes, 1638; Edward Marshall, 1643; Roger Lewis, 1650; Thomas Florry, 1652; John Young, 1655; John Younge, 1662; Thomas Shorthose, 1662; Wm. Drewe, 1663; John Shuttleworth, 1633; Thomas Stanton, 1658.

The only record of Henry Wilson and of William Sterne is that the former was fined for appearing in a borrowed gown, and the latter for lending it.

Folio 15. THE COMPANY OF POULTERS.

Martin Higgins, a resident in the parish of S. Peter's, Cornhill, had there a son John in 1640. William Chamberlayne of the same parish had two children; Mary, baptized Sep. 14, 1645, and Elizabeth, Feb. 7, 1646.

Folio 16. THE COMPANY OF COOPERS.

Richard Mills, a neglectful Under-Warden, was fined £20 in 1639. He was buried on December 1st 1661, in the south Aisle of S. Michael's Cornhill.

John Milton it appears had the opportunity of earning a respectable livelihood, but became schoolmaster and poet by trade. None of his biographers note that he was ever a Cooper.

Simon Driver was Churchwarden of S. Botolph's Billingsgate in 1659, and was still living in 1669.

William Coultman may be identical with one of his name, Churchwarden at All Hallows Barking, near the Tower, in 1661.

The Will of Robt. Taylor, Cooper, was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on Jan. 29, 1657—8.

Alexander Norman was in 1644 or 5, a widower, aged 56, and in that year procured licence to marry, at S. Bartholomew's the Less or at S. Mary's, Old Fish St., Frances, daughter of John Tradescant of South Lambeth.

John Norman lived in the parish of S. Denis Backchurch. An infant of his was buried on January 27, 1656.

John Looker married the daughter of John Nicholls, the keeper of Ludgate. He died March 28, and was buried on April 2nd., 1673, from Coopers' Hall in Basinghall Street, at S. Martyn's within Ludgate. At his funeral there was no sermon, but rings engraven "I. L. obit Mar. 28."

NOTES, *continued.*THE COMPANY OF COOPERS, *continued.*

Both Richard Simpkins and Anthony Guy were of the parish of S. Olave's, Hart Street. The former married Frances Tyler of Stepney in 1641, the latter Margaret Gray of S. Katharine's near the Tower, in 1642; both at Stepney Parish Church.

Folio 17. THE COMPANY OF COOKS.

Oswald Metcalf was Junior Churchwarden of S. Mary Woolchurch in 1651. In 1656 the parish owed to him £100 secured by a bond for double the amount. For the redemption of his bond, the Vestry, by the hands of William Medley, Upper Churchwarden, assigned to Metcalf the remainder of the lease of Mr Haughton's house, parish property,

John Hyren lived in the parish of S. Peter's Cornhill, and, in 1637, had there a son, John, born to him.

Mr Hamond lived in Bow Lane. He died on Oct. 12., 1653.

Lawrence Blomley, Clerk of Cook's Hall and Alberman's deputy of Aldersgate Without, died of apoplexy, Sept. 2, 1664.

Oswald Metcalf figured as a victim in one of the strangest of all attempts to alter the character of a London street. City improvements were carried out with a high hand in the reign of Charles I. By his desire Cheapside should have been cleared of all but goldsmiths in order to make the eastern approach to S. Paul's more imposing. In 1637 it was reported to the Council that there were still 24 shops and houses that were not inhabited by Goldsmiths, but in some of them were one Grove and a widow Hill, a stationer; one Sanders, a druggist; Medcalfe, a cook; Renatus Edwards, a girdler; John Dover, a milliner; and Brown, a bandseller.

On Oct. 31, 1664 Francis Lumbard, a pastrycook was buried in S. Leonard's Eastcheap.

Folio 18. THE COMPANY OF BRICKLAYERS.

Mr Elwood would appear to have been resident in the parish of S. Clement's Eastcheap. He is mentioned in the Churchwardens' Accounts of 1652 and subsequent years as having executed work there.

A Thomas Seagood, a Bricklayer, was in 1655 resident in S. Mary's Woolnoth, had a wife Ellen and a daughter Mary.

In S. Mary's Woolchurch Haw lived William Charstley, who in 1653 received from the vestry £1 - 1 - 0 for bricklaying. Of this same parish

NOTES. *continued.***THE COMPANY OF BRICKLAYERS, *continued.***

Richard Finch was Churchwarden in 1650.

Richard Makerness died Nov 2nd., 1654, and was buried two days later in the churchyard of S. Thomas the Apostle. Of this church he had tiled the steeple in 1637. There also seven years later, on May 30th., 1661, William Mason was buried

Mr. Mills, the City bricklayer, was buried, from Grocer's Hall, on Aug, 25th., 1670.

John Pridmore, a bricklayer had a daughter Jane living in 1655 in S. Michael's Bassishaw.

Folio 19, THE COMPANY OF BOWYERS.

Richard Cox, one of the first ten assistants, is named in the Re-grant of the Bowyers' Charter in 1666.

Folie 20. THE COMPANY OF TURNERS.

Thomas Wilcox, resident in 1652 in S. Mary's Woolnoth, was then married to Lydia, sister of Mr Nathaniel Cock.

John Slutter was Warden in 1651, and is mentioned under date of Nov. 18th. in the proceedings of the Committee for Compounding.

As early as 1588, Peter Slutter, a Glazier was resident in S. Andrew's Hubbard, and was in that year Churchwarden.

John Kifitt, (perhaps identical with him whose signature is transcribed as Cuffill) had a daughter Elizabeth buried in the parish of S. Leonard's Eastcheap in 1665,

Folio 21. THE COMPANY OF GLAZIERS.

The uncommon name of Robert Tascombe was possessed by one of the vestrymen of S. Margaret's Fish Street Hill in 1651.

Mr Grimes worked for S. John's Zacchary in 1652, glazed the case-ment in the Parsonage there and mended the vestry windows In 1653 he was working for S. Matthew's, Friday Street, replacing the windows which had been blown down.

In the same parish lived Edward Brush, who married Sarah, and had in 1656 a son, Isaac, buried on July 15th, of that year.

Mr. Hyde was killed by the fall of a ladder in 1652. He was buried,

NOTES, *continued.***THE COMPANY OF GLAZIERS, *continued.***

probably near Little Britain where he lived, on December 22nd.

John Cotterell lived in the parish of S. Peter's, Cornhill, where his daughter Anne was baptized in 1640. There also in 1645 his son John was born.

A John Runwell was employed by the parish of S. Stephen's Wallbrook in 1641. It is difficult to say with certainty that this was the signatory of the Manuscript, because, apparently, there were two members of the Glaziers' Company of the same name. If this were so, both lived in the same parish of S. Mary Woolnoth where they both had children whose names can be found in the printed copies of the register,

Mr Patis is, no doubt, the Glazier, resident in S. Clement's Eastcheap, who executed various repairs for the church in 1651. He was a jurymen in 1654 and lived then in "Lumber" St., His will, 35 Aylett, P. C. C., describes him as of the parish of S. Edmund the King in Lombard St. He left a wife Emma; a sister, Bridget; a brother, John; a nephew, Francis and niece, Hester.

His will is dated December 1st. 1654, he was buried on December 12th., at S. Clement's, and probate was issued on the following January 17th., 1655.

Folio 22. THE COMPANY OF APOTHECARIES.

Ralph *Collyns* is included by W. Harvey in his List of the Principal Inhabitants of London in 1640, and is therein described as a fourth sort of man, living in Broad Street Ward. In 1659 he was resident in Lothbury; and was buried on October 27th. of that year.

A list of Apothecaries living in or near London on Aug. 24th., 1693 includes the names Geo. Jonnson, and Edw. Underwood. These are probably relatives of the signatories of the list of 1651. George Johnson was Assistant in 1703, subscribed to the building of the Elaboratory, and was, so far as lists shew, dead in 1712.

John Lawrence, fifth son of Thomas Lawrence of Seaborow in Dorset and of Margaret née Barbor recorded his pedigree at the visitation of London in 1633. He had children John, Thomas, Joyce, Margaret, Grace Theophila, Katerne and Jane, of whom one of the sons no doubt followed his father's trade. Lawrence lived in Cheapside "near the great conduct" and, was buried on June 22nd., 1670.

Thomas, the son, was entered at Merton College, Oxford, in 1649, remained there for about two years, but was forced to leave on account of some extravagances, He retired to S. Alban's Hall, and as a member

NOTES, *continued.*THE COMPANY OF APOTHECARIES, *continued.*

of that house, proceeded Master of Arts, 18 June 1655. He graduated doctor of medicine at Padua, and was admitted an Honorary Fellow of the College of Physicians in December, 1664. He practised with success in Norfolk and published a short treatise under date 1664, *Mercurius Centralis or a Discourse of Subterranean Cockles, Muscæ & Oyster Shells found in digging a well at Sir William D'Oylie's in Norfolk etc. Sent in a letter to Thomas Browne M. D., London.*

James Martyn, apothecary in the Old Bailey, died Dec. 24th. 1658.

Mr *Ralph Hartley*, "a right honest man, and of a good estate" died on January 2nd. 1622—3.

In the passage of Apothecaries Hall are the arms of John Lorymery, dated 1654. I am of opinion that he is the John Lorymer who had for wife Frances, and for children Samuel and Sarah. If so he died Sept. 9th. 1674, and was buried under the Communion Table in S. Olave's Jewry. There was an epitaph which recorded that he had for son-in-law Dr Wm. Crowne, who left as widow Mary, afterwards wife of Sir Edwin Sadleir, Bart., which Mary died Sept. 30th, 1706.

In 1645, Thomas Mathews, of Merchant's Hope, Virginia, was on a visit to England, He died at the house of Mr. William Baker, Surgeon, and his will, registered in the Commissary Court of London, was witnessed by Alexander Eaton, apothecary, of Wapping.

Mr. Michael Markland lived in the parish of S. Denis Backchurch, His servant, Mary Wright, was buried there in 1657, and his wife, Mrs Anne Markland, in 1662.

In the same parish lived Thomas Stonehouse, His mother, Elizabeth, died there in November, 1659, and he himself on June 13, 1667, The next day he was buried in the ruins of the church,

James *Loucing* married Elizabeth, daughter of John Edes of Oxfordshire. He lived in Little Britain and died on March 28th., 1652. His wife was buried on June 7th., 1656.

In February, 1653, John *Rhetorick*, apothecary, married Margaret Glynn at S. Andrew's Holdorn.

The Wills in the Court of Hustings include one of 1638, in which the Testator, Margaret Lovett, of S. Michael's, Wood Street, bequeaths an annuity to her daughter Anne, wife of John Thomas, apothecary. Mr. Thomas, the apothecary, as is recorded in Smith's Obituary, lived in Great Wood St. His widow died on the morning of Sept. 22nd. 1664.

Francis Chillingworth, apothecary, lived in the parish of S. Lawrence, Jewry, and, there, had children; Jonathan, baptized 30 Jan. 1651, bur. 10 Feb. 1651; Ann bapt. 6 March, 1652; and Margaret, bur. 21., Feb. 1654. Mr. Chillingworth was buried, in the Chancel, 1 December, 1662.

In the same parish George, son of Robert Wrench, apothecary, was baptized, April 23, 1651.

**A LIST OF THE GRAND JURY
OF THE
QUARTER SESSIONS, OCTOBER, 1661.**

**To which are attached Comments upon the Reprobation
expressed by Sir George Jefferies upon the
Sheriff, the Jury and their reputations**

Transcribed from the rare pamphlet, 1891 d 1 Brit. Mus. Cat

LISTS OF THE JURIES FOR TRIALS OF EDWARD FITZWARREN, 1681;
LORD RUSSELL, 1683; HENRY CORNISH, 1695; TITUS OATES 1695.

PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

As the preceding list of the City Companies is the earliest I have yet encountered, so this is the earliest of annotated Middlesex or London Jury Lists.

It is to be regretted that the Author of the pamphlet, perhaps Philip Norway, did not transcribe Sir George Jefferies' remarks in full. In a day when extra-judicial utterances from the Bench are becoming increasingly common, the practice and method of the great master of running comment and candid rebuke should furnish, for those of the legal profession, precedent and model, and for the ordinary lay reader, much for admiration and amusement.

However, the general character of the Chairman's remarks is sufficiently indicated to render Mr. Norway's strenuous protests very entertaining. It is difficult to feel any sympathy for him or his colleagues. The turpitude of the transactions that enriched Titus Oates besmirched the partizan juries no less than the paid informers, and the London rejection of the indictment against Stephen College in 1681, was animated, rather by a consideration of his zeal against Papists, than by any general return to sanity of principle in estimating the worth of evidence.

It is extremely temerarious to venture to offer any expression of opinion concerning the late Lord Chancellor Jeffries, which does not coincide with the stereotyped views of his character, formulated by his political opponents, and amplified by their heirs. In any attempt

that a courageous biographer might offer to depict a very singular character, it should be recalled that, in days long before Judges were wont to condemn slavery, Jeffries, in the name of a common humanity then too often forgotten, denounced the Mayor and Corporation of Bristol for the abominations practised by them, in that they sold as prisoners to the plantations the wretched culprits sentenced within their jurisdiction.

A hundred and fifty years before the English law permitted to a prisoner accused of High Treason the unrestricted use of Counsel, the enlightened Judge declared in his summing up at the trial of Thomas Rosewell, dissenting clergyman, in 1684, that the principle of denial of Counsel was intrinsically vicious and opposed to the interests of Justice.

In an age when change of religious principle paved the way to the highest offices, Jeffreys never wavered in his adhesion to his own narrow faith. In that he died on April 18, 1689, comforted with the sympathy of that holy man, Frampton, Bishop of Gloucester, the Non-Juror, who testifies to the Judge's devotion, and refers to the fall of such a man from so great estate, with the old quotation relative to the lamentation of the Heroes of old. To one of the kindest and noblest and most simple-minded of the Carolian bishops, Jeffreys was a hero.

A lover of the arts and music, fearless judge, good father of a united and affectionate family, Jeffreys failed to exhibit ostentatiously the virtues of temperance in life and language. For that he has suffered excessively

A True List of the Names of the Good Men of the County of Middlesex summoned to be of the Grand Jury in the Quarter Sessions, begun at Westminster the sixth day of October, 1681.

The Jury was called at Westminster, where forty of them appeared, and were from thence adjourned to Hicks's Hall, before they were sworn, upon pretence of frivolous and untrue Objections (not sufficient in Law) to their incapacity of serving upon such Juries; where they have been since several times Adjourned, without being Sworn, upon the same pretences, and upon many untrue Suggestions of their mean Condition, as men of Obscurity, and such as have been pick'd up on the High-way, and are returned to serve a turn, as the Chairman Sir George Jefferyes hath been pleased to declare.

Their names are as follows and their Characters upon the severest scrutiny will be found true, and such that have none will appear honest Men.

1. Sir Peter Colleton of the Parish of S. Martin in the Fields, Baronet.
 2. Sir Michael Heneage of the Parish of S. Giles in the Fields, Knight.
- These two Gentlemen, their Estates and Integrity are so well-known, that any body may justly wonder at Mr Chairman's expressions.

3. Francis Charleton of the same, Esq; A Gentleman of 2000*l* per ann, whose Loyalty and Honesty no man can justly tax.
4. Edward Clarke of Westminster, Esq; hath at least 1500*l* per ann. and of good Reputation as any man.
5. William Farnborough of S Martin in the Fields Glass-seller over against Church-Alley in the Strand, has been a trader about five years there, and is well known in the Neighbourhood to be a Person of no mean Character.
6. Rodert Breedon of the same, Brewer. Brother to Alderman Breedon, a man of considerable Estate, as is well known all over the Liberty of Westminster.
7. William Horsley of the same, Cheesemonger, Citizen and Draper of London, who hath been a trader there fourteen years, and is well known amongst all the neighbourhood, and hath served in several Publick Offices in the Parish, and of unspotted Credit.
8. Clement Halsey of S. John Street, Brewer. hath lived 12 years by Hick's Hall and hath served three times upon the Grand Jury, and several Publick Offices of the Parish of S. Sepulchers and is unspotted in his Credit.
9. William Rapier of Westminster, of good Credit and Sufficiency and well-known.
10. Tracy Panceford of the Parish of S. Martin in the Fields is a Citizen and Leather-Seller of London, Late dwelt in S. Clement's Parish, hath been a Trader 7 years, of very good Reputation.
11. Matthias Hatton of White-Chappel, Citizen and Draper of London, hath been a trader at White-Chappel 7 years, in no wise tainted in his Reputation or Credit.
12. Philip Norway of the same, Citizen and Glasier of London, hath been a Trader there 20 years, born most Offices in the Parish, and served in his Company, and may be summoned upon his Countries Service out of his Shop, without seeking him upon the High-way.
13. Daniel Tracey of the same, well known upon the Exchange, without exception.
14. Thomas Floyder of the same, Citizen and Bricklayer, has been a Trader three years of known substance in the Neighbourhood, and hath born several Publick Offices.
15. William Floyder of the same, Citizen and Plasterer of London, late of Algate Parish, where he hath served Churchwarden, hath been Master of his Company and a Trader 30 years, and well known in the Neighbourhood to be of sound Reputation.
16. Thomas Harris of S. Giles in the Fields is now Churchwarden there.
17. Nicholas Moor of the same, of good Credit.
18. Thomas Bickerstaff of the same, Citizen and Skinner of London, hath been a Trader 12 years, hath fined for all Parish Offices, and is well known in his Neighbourhood.

19. Joseph Burgin, of the same.
 20. William Purdham, of the same,
 21. James Frank, of the New Exchange.
 22. James Dobson, of the same.
 23. Richard Horsley, of the same.
 These three last are noted men in the Parish of S. Martin's, where they dwell, have considerable Estates, and of unspotted Reputation.
24. John Stych, of Covent Garden, an honest and Substantial man.
 25. Robert Wyatt, of Stepney.
 26. William Bromfield, of the same.
 27. Stephen Cleave, of Cripplegate, is both honest and able.
 28. Richard Collins, of Clerkenwell, is a considerable Brewer, and of good reputation.
 29. Richard Sheppard, of S. Giles in the Fields; he lives near little Turn-Style, is well known, and of good Reputation.
 30. John Ward, of White-Chappel, Citizen and Goldsmith of London, hath been a Trader there 5 years, hath served his Company and Parish in several Offices of undoubted Credit.
 31. Daniel Bynyon, of the same, Deal Merchant at Wapping, hath been a Trader there or thereabouts, ever since the Fire, is publicly known in the Neighbourhood, and is of great Credit.
 32. Richard Angel, of Stepney, a Master of a Ship, and well known upon the Exchange.
 33. Bartholomew Hart, of Aldgate.
 34. Henry Crispe, of White-Chappel.
 35. John Lynne, of Westminster.
 36. John Archer, of the same.
 37. Joseph Witteridge, of the parish of S. Giles in the Fields.
 38. John Chappel, of St. Andrew's Holborn, Vintner.
 39. Thomas Grimes, of Stepney.
 40. William Keech, of the same.
 41. William Maddeson, of White-Chappel.
 42. Thomas Reeves, of Stepney.
 43. Joseph Patrickson, of the Parish of S. Sepulchre's.
 44. Francis Blewet, of Clerkenwell,
 These 12 last are honest and substantial and well known in their several neighbourhoods
45. Charles Peters, of S. Martin in the Fields, he is a chirurgeon of Eminent Practice, hath been a house-keeper there these 9 years, of known substance and high in reputation.
 46. Thomas Mascall, the younger, of Westminster.
 47. John Davis, of the parish of S. Martin in the Fields.
 48. John Freeman, of S. Andrew's Holborn, And
 42. (*sic in orig.*) Charles Cawley, of Westminster,
 The four mentioned last are able and well-known.

To vindicate in the face of all mankind this Grand Jury, the late Sheriffs (who returned them) and the Under-Sheriff from the foul aspersions cast upon them, I have thought fit to give the World this Account in print, which upon Enquiry will be found to be true, and that all indifferent Men may judge, whether 'tis more probable that these men who are of very good Quality, and untainted in their Reputations, should be now returned to serve a turn; or whether those that exclaim against them, and would without any just cause put others in some of their places, have any other design than what they object to them.

Now as to the Reasons that are insisted upon for this alteration, they are such as the law takes notice of. The Precepts command the Sheriff to return honest and lawful men, which he having done is all that can be reasonably expected from him.

Notwithstanding the fierceness of the bench, that upon colour of an Act of Parliament made in 3 H. 8 to prevent the Indictment of the Innocent and the Acquittal of the Guilty, would put men of nothing like so good Reputation upon the Jury, which if the Sheriff refused out of a sense of the design in hand, and hath thereby hazarded the loss of 20*l.* besides attracting the malice of several, I doubt not but that he will the rather be held excusable, for that he is likely to lose by the bargain, which he hath made for no other end than only the service of the Publick and preservation of the Innocent.

I would not willingly be instrumental to put any indecency upon the Bench, but this I (being one of the Jury) may without vanity say that a dozen of us have as good if not better Estates than any dozen of them that were on the Bench on Wednesday the 12th. of October Instant, notwithstanding it hath been said we were of obscure and mean Condition and picked up on the Highway.

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The page has been so trimmed that the tops of the letters of the imprint alone shew. The position of the Museum stamp renders it probable that the trimming has been done since its acquisition by the Library. Two capital letters of the name following "for" shew partially. They may be P. H. or R. H. The latter two letters correspond to the initials of Richard Horsley, who may have been the author. On the other hand the note attached to the name of Philip Norway is couched in terms more familiar than those elsewhere used, and bear the traces of the personal indignation which finds reiterated expression in the last lines of the pamphlet.

Jury for the Trial of Edward Fitzharris for High Treason. Court of King's Bench, Easter & Trinity Terms. 1681, 33 Car. II.

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Alexander Hosey.	Martin James.	John Vyner.
William Withers.	William Cleeve.	Thomas Goffe.
Ralph Farr.	Samuel Freebody.	John Lockyer.

Jury for the Trial of William Russell, Esq'r. (usually called Lord Russell) for High Treason, at the Old-Bailey, London, the 13th. of July 1683. 35 Car. II.

John Martin.	William Rouse.	Jervis Seaton.
William Fashion.	Thomas Short.	George Torriano.
William Butler.	James Pickering.	Thomas Jeve,
Hugh Noden.	Robert Brough.	Thomas Oneby.

Jury for the Trial of Henry Cornish, Esq'r. for High-Treason, at the Old-Bailey, London, on the 19th. of October, 1685. 1. Jac. II.

Thomas Rawlinson.	Thomas Langham.	Ambrose Istead.
Thomas Pendleton.	John Price.	Thomas Oneby.
William Cloudesley.	Richard Holford.	William Longboat.
Stephen Coleman.	Robert Clavel.	William Lang.

Jury for the Trial of Titus Oates, for Perjury, in the Court of King's-Bench, on the 8th. of May 1685. 1 Jac. II.

Sir William Dodson.	Sir Edmond Wiseman	Richard Aley.
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